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GENETICALLY GIFTED WITH UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE NEXT STAGE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. WHILE THE WORLD HATES AND FEARS THEM, KITTY PRYDE HAS RE-FORMED THE TEAM OF MUTANT HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN TO USE THEIR POWERS FOR GOOD AND SPREAD A POSITIVE IMAGE OF MUTANTKIND.

PREVIOUSLY IN *X-MEN GOLD...*

WHEN KITTY PRYDE RECONNECTED WITH THE X-MEN, SHE ALSO RECONNECTED WITH FORMER LOVER PIOTR RASPUTIN. THEIR NEW ROMANCE QUICKLY BLOSSOMED INTO AN ENGAGEMENT.

IN ONE OF THEIR INAUGURAL MISSIONS UNDER KITTY'S COMMAND, THE X-MEN FACED A HIGHLY ADVANCED NANITE-BASED SENTINEL A.I., BUT HE ESCAPED ERADICATION AND KEPT A LOW PROFILE...UNTIL RECENTLY. DURING PIOTR'S LAS VEGAS BACHELOR PARTY, THE SENTINEL A.I. -- NOW CALLING ITSELF "ALPHA" AND WORKING WITH THE MUTANT-HATING LYDIA NANCE -- KIDNAPPED THE GROOM IN ORDER TO CREATE A MUTANT-KILLING VIRUS WITH HIS BLOOD. BEFORE THE TEAM COULD STOP HIM, ALPHA TOOK PETER AND LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE IN A ROCKET TO DISPATCH THE VIRUS GLOBALLY WHILE IN ORBIT. THE TEAM BORROWED AN ALPHA FLIGHT ROCKET, TOOK OFF IN PURSUIT, AND CRASH-LANDED ON ALPHA'S SPACE STATION!

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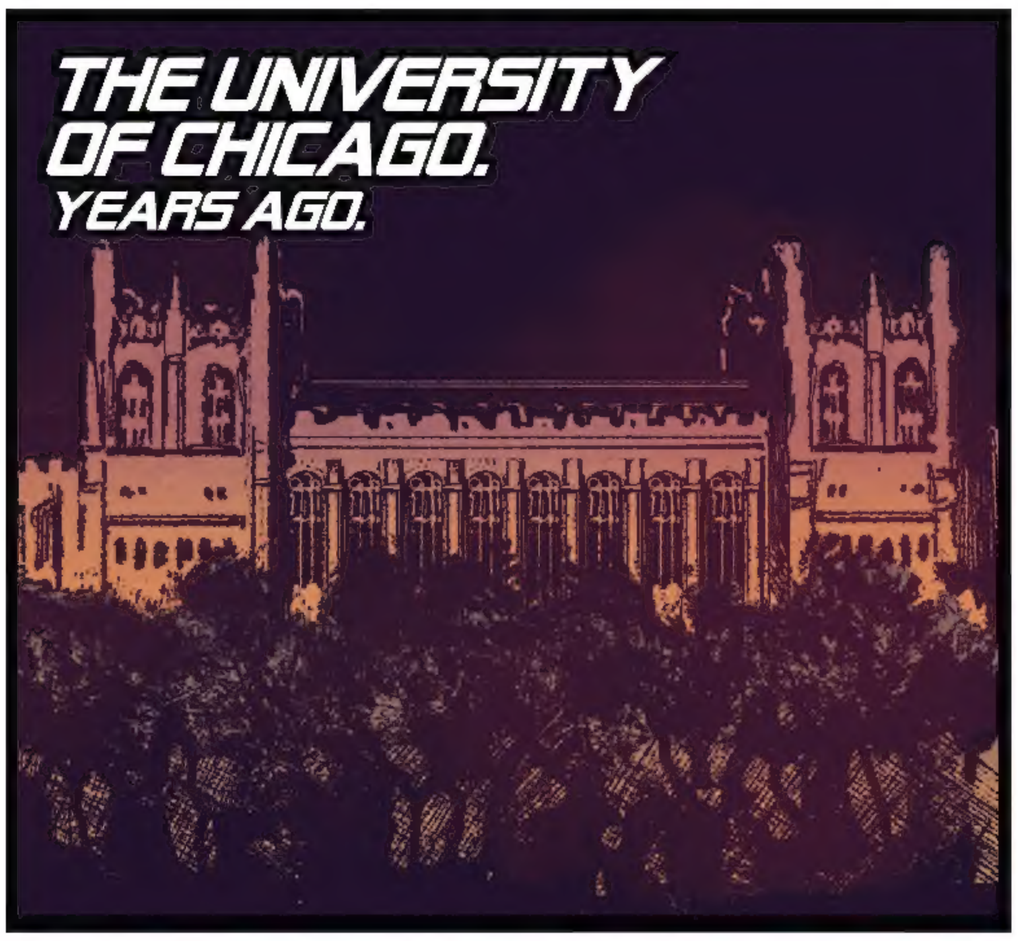
KITTY PRYDE

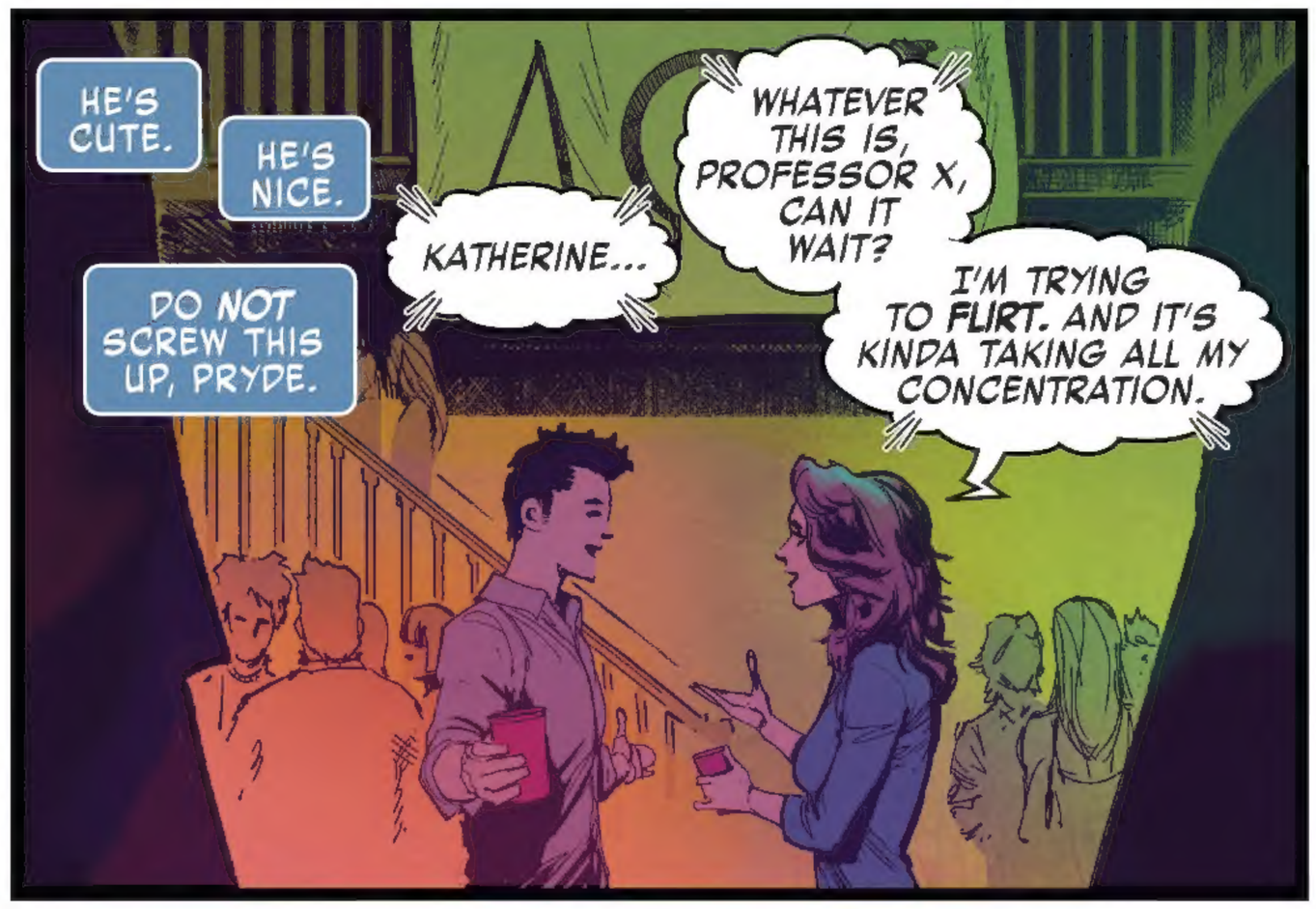
STORM
ORORO MUNROE

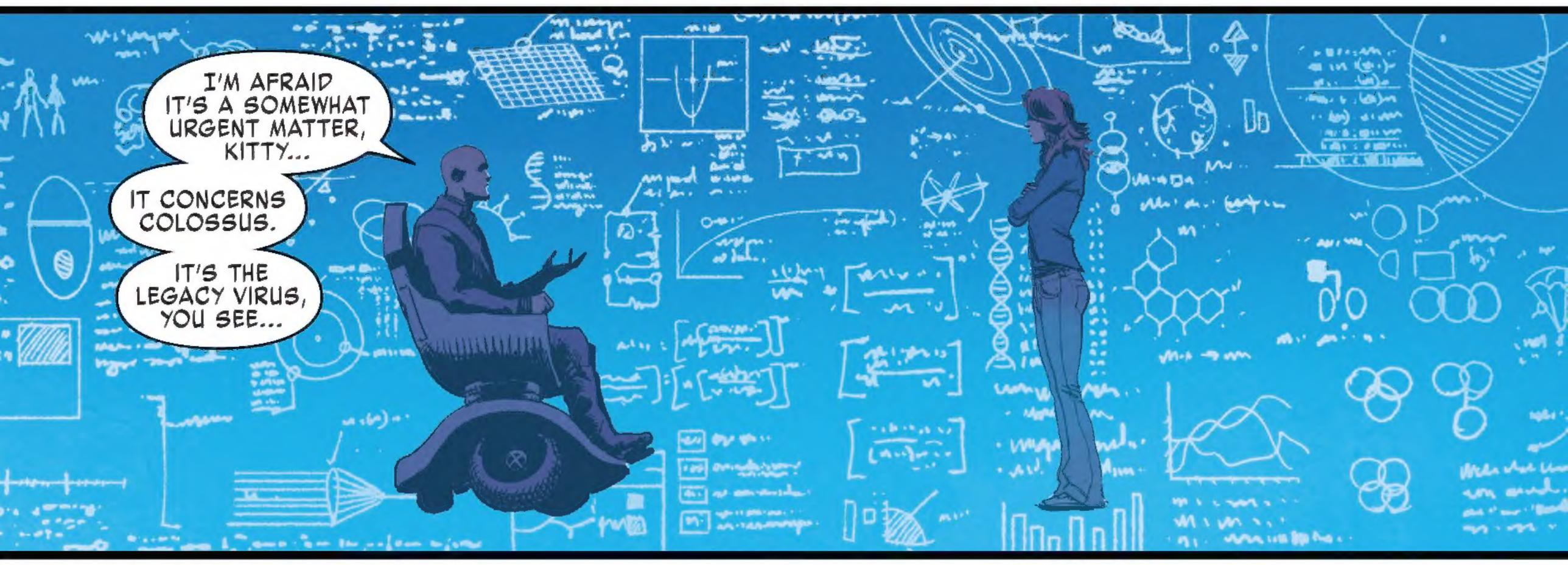
NIGHTCRAWLER
KURT WAGNER

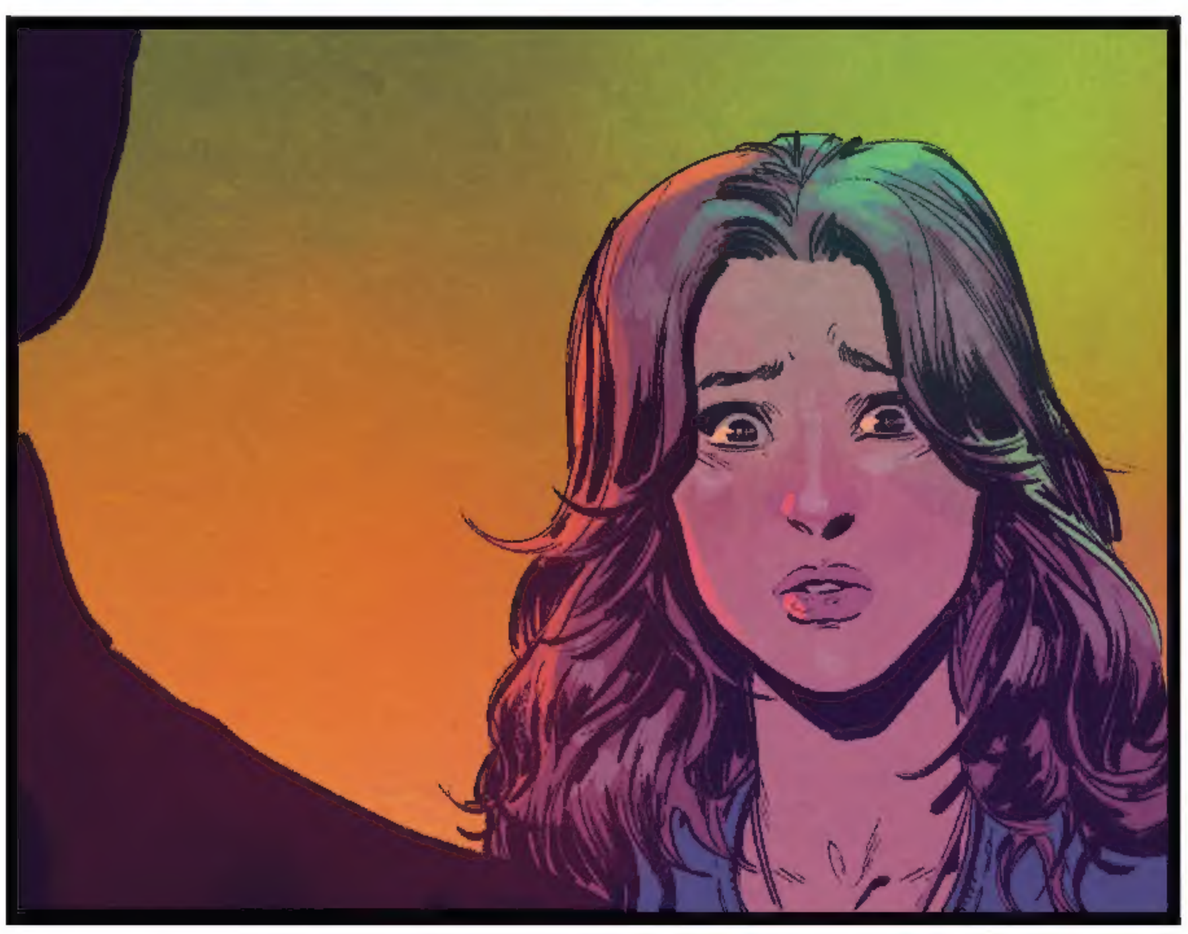
COLOSSUS
PIOTR RASPUTIN

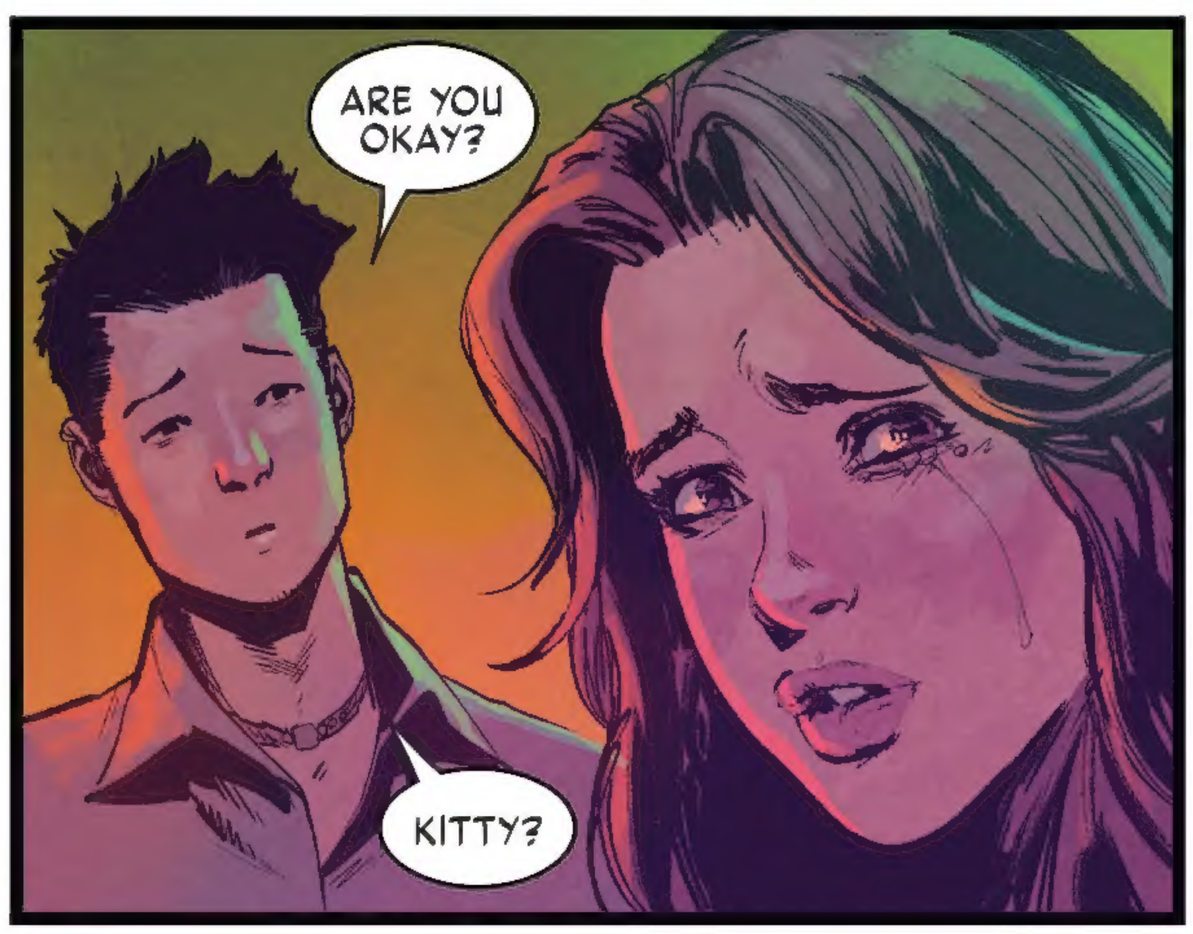
PRESTIGE
RACHEL GREY

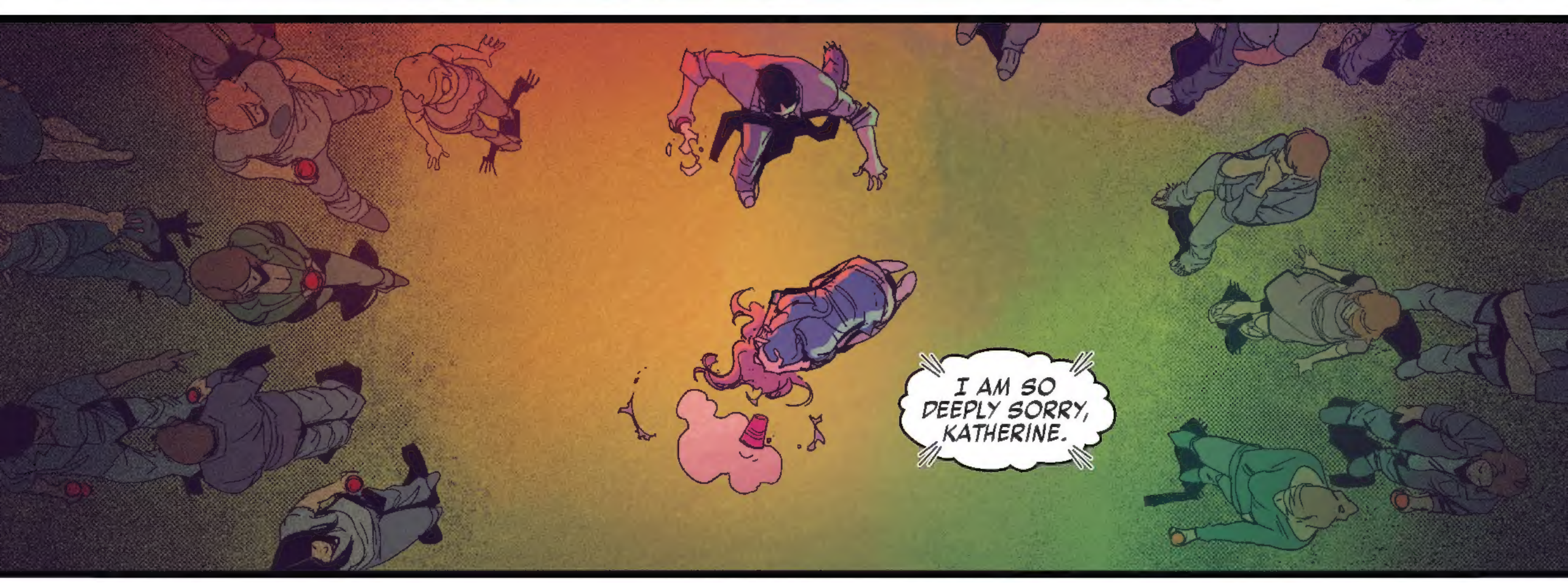

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.
YEARS AGO.


HE'S CUTE.
HE'S NICE.
DO NOT SCREW THIS UP, PRYDE.
KATHERINE...
WHATEVER THIS IS, PROFESSOR X, CAN IT WAIT?
I'M TRYING TO FLIRT. AND IT'S KINDA TAKING ALL MY CONCENTRATION.


I'M AFRAID IT'S A SOMEWHAT URGENT MATTER, KITTY...
IT CONCERNS COLOSSUS.
IT'S THE LEGACY VIRUS, YOU SEE...




ARE YOU OKAY?
KITTY?


I AM SO DEEPLY SORRY, KATHERINE.

INTRIGUING.

ROXXON OIL SPACE PLATFORM.
NOW.

YOUR X-GENE APPEARS TO BE ALTERED.

THIS WOULD EXPLAIN THE AESTHETIC DIFFERENTIATION I OBSERVED WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR STEEL FORM BACK IN NEVADA.*

*X-MEN GOLD #26.
-DÉJÀ DARREN

I'VE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF RESTORING THE GENOME TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE.

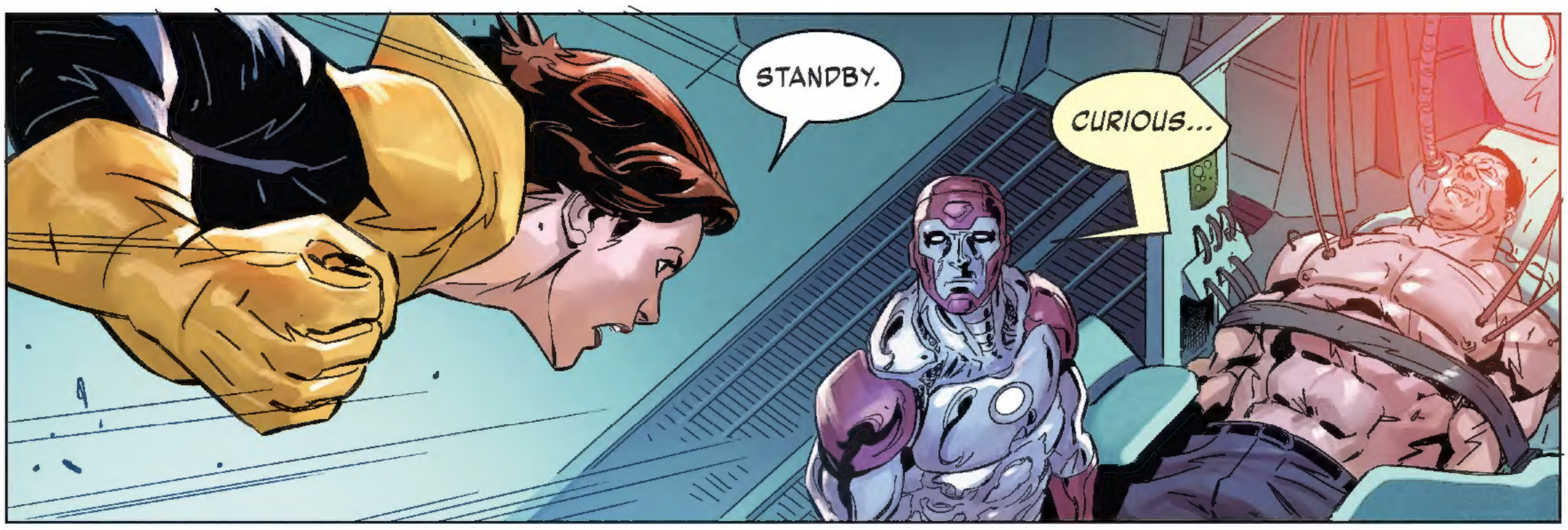
TIK

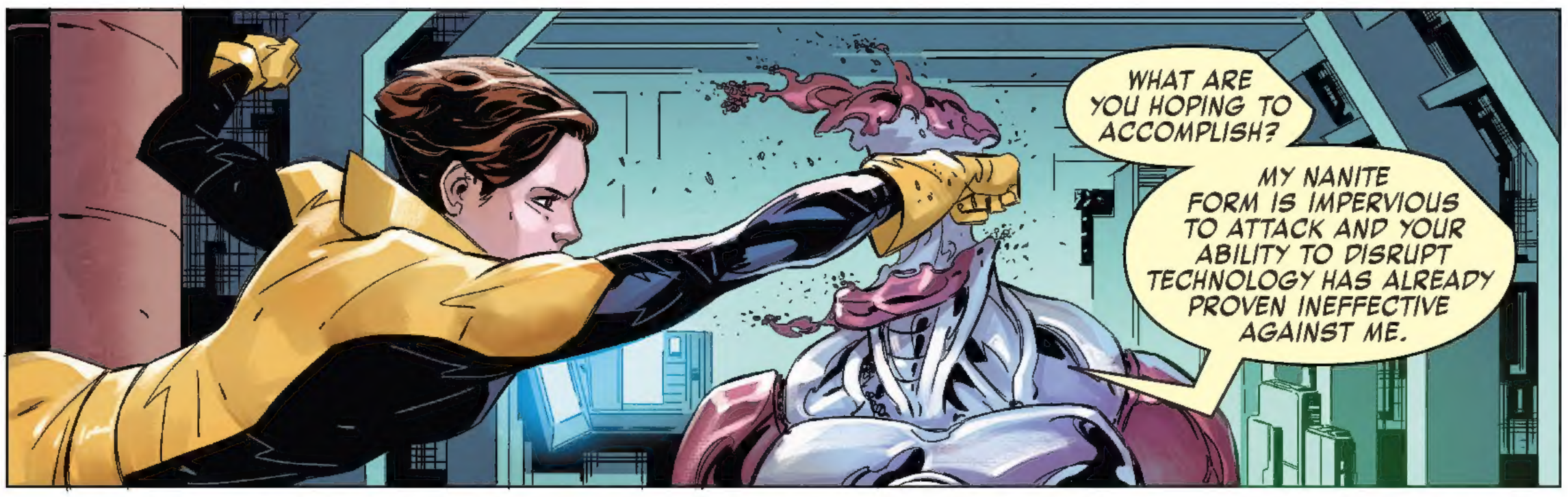
UNFORTUNATELY, THE PROCEDURE IS...

...HARROWING.

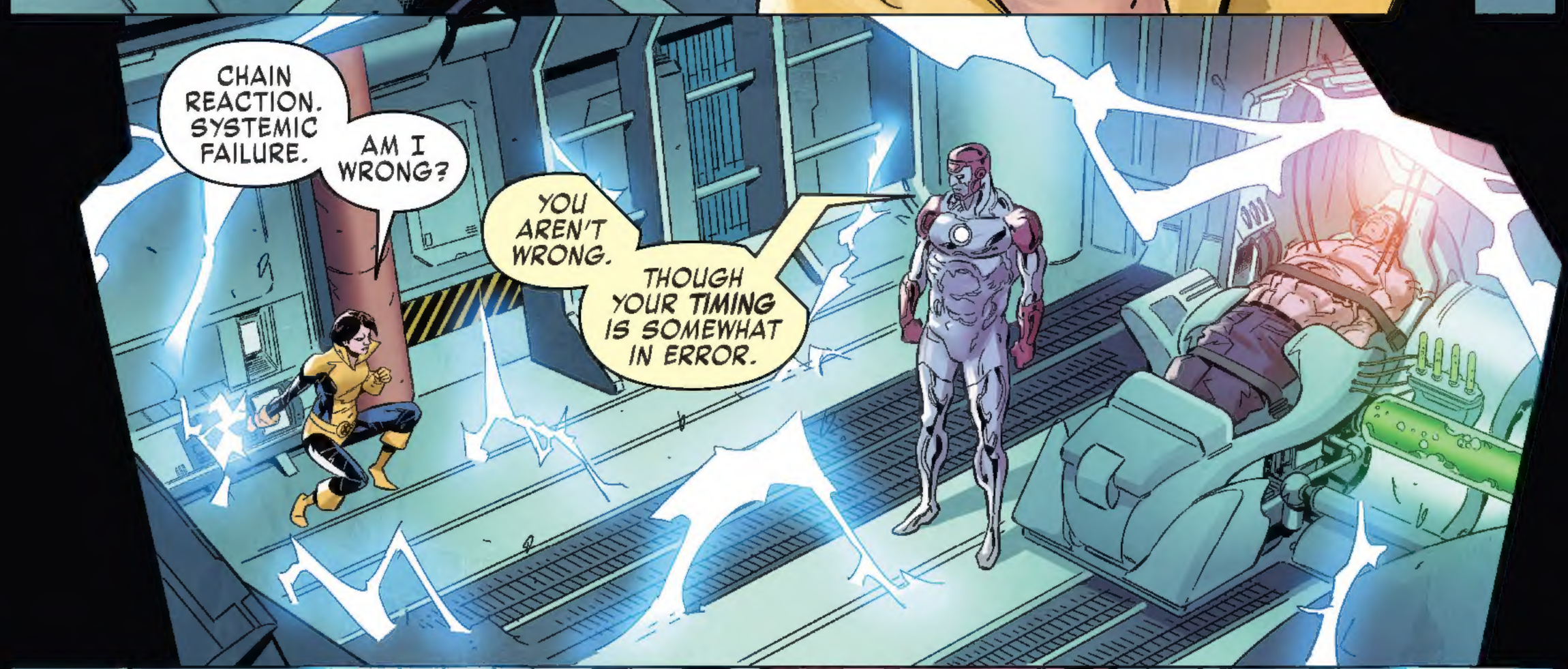
"JUST HANG ON, PETER..."

...I'M COMING FOR YOU, BABY.
I'M CLOSING IN ON PETER'S POSITION. WHAT'S EVERYONE'S STATUS?
LOUSY.
YEAH, BUT DON'T WORRY 'BOUT US, KITTY.
JUST FIND COLOSSUS.
FOUND.


STANDBY.
CURIOUS...


WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO ACCOMPLISH?
MY NANITE FORM IS IMPERVIOUS TO ATTACK AND YOUR ABILITY TO DISRUPT TECHNOLOGY HAS ALREADY PROVEN INEFFECTIVE AGAINST ME.

KZZT
BUT NOT THIS TECH, I'M BETTING.


CHAIN REACTION. SYSTEMIC FAILURE.
AM I WRONG?
YOU AREN'T WRONG.
THOUGH YOUR TIMING IS SOMEWHAT IN ERROR.

THE PROCEDURE COMPLETED 0.34 SECONDS BEFORE YOU ARRIVED.

THE WEAPON IS FINISHED. LAUNCH SEQUENCE HAS BEEN INITIATED.
"YOU'RE TOO LATE."
EARTHFALL IN 4.8 MINUTES.
COMPLETE EXTERMINATION OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS WITH AN X-GENE 16.3 MINUTES THEREAFTER.
I'VE ALSO TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF ACTIVATING THIS FACILITY'S AUTO-DESTRUCT SEQUENCE.
FAREWELL.
TIME TO EARTHFALL: 00:04:13

WAS IST LOST?
HE'S LEAVING...
GOOD RIDDANCE.
NO WAY THIS MEANS ANYTHING GOOD.
PRESTIGE'S RIGHT.

ALPHA'S DEPLOYED THE WEAPON AND SET THE STATION TO SELF-DESTRUCT.

AND PETER'S IN A VERY BAD WAY.

AND OUR RIDE'S SHOT ALL TO HELL.
NOT A PRIORITY RIGHT NOW, GAMBIT.
KINDA IS IF THIS WHOLE PLACE IS GONNA BLOW.

THE PRIORITY'S STOPPING THE NANITES CARRYING THE BIOWEAPON.

"IF EVEN ONE GETS TO EARTH, EVERY MUTANT DIES."
00:02:34

DO NOT WORRY, KITTEN...

...I REFUSE TO LET THAT HAPPEN.
00:02:03

AUTO-DESTRUCT SEQUENCE COMMENCING.
GUYS, I CAN'T MOVE PETER ON MY OWN...
THE ROXXON CORPORATION THANKS YOU.

NO PROBLEM.
AH GOT YOU, SUGAH.

THANKS, ROGUE.
DAMMIT, PUCK, WHERE ARE YOU?

RIGHT HERE, EH?
"BUT THERE'S A METRIC TON MORE OF THEM THAN US."
DON'T WORRY...
"...WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A SECRET WEAPON."
SPARKKKKKK
PRETTY. BUT SOME OF THE LITTLE BUGGERS ARE STILL GETTING THROUGH AND BREAKING ATMO.

OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.
I'M ON IT.
LITERALLY ON IT. ON THE JET. I'M SURFING ON A JET. ACTUALLY SURFING.
DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE.
AUTO PILOT ENGAGED
00:01:22

RELAX, PYRO. FOCUS.
WHERE THE HELL'S ICEMAN IN THIS?
WORKING ON THE CONTINGENCY.

CARE TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF THE CLASS?
LATER. AFTER WE DON'T DIE.

WHAT'S THE PLAN FOR THAT, BY THE WAY?

CRUNCH
THAT'LL DO.

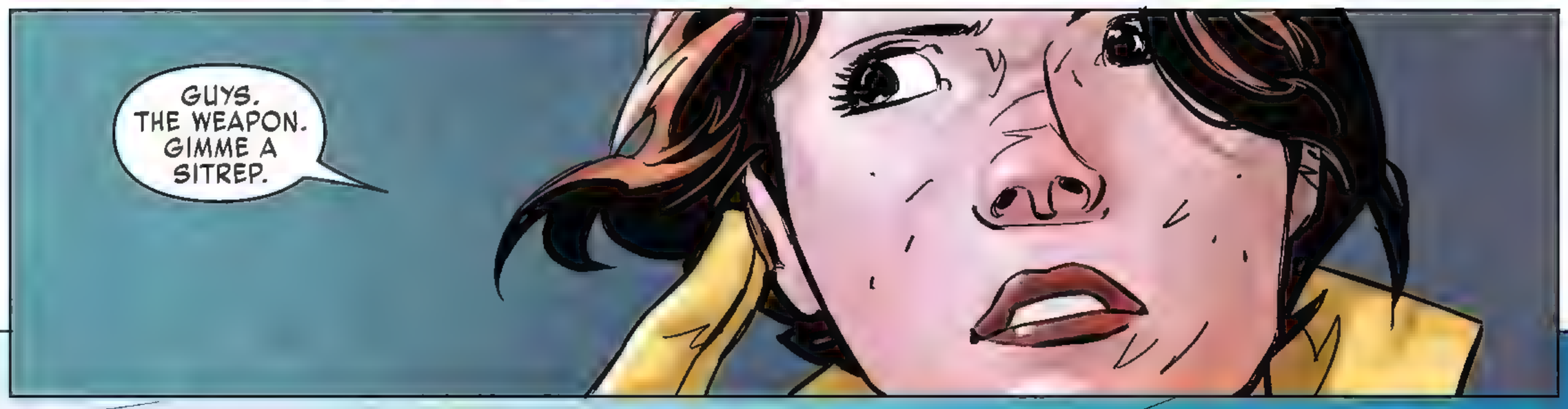
ANYBODY WANT TO BLOW THIS POPSICLE STAND?
SASQUATCH, MEIN FREUND, YOU'VE NO IDEA...
THEN LET'S GET THE RUSSKIE ABOARD. WE'VE GOT A MEDKIT--
FIRST STAGE SELF-DESTRUCT.
CRITICAL STAGE IMMINENT.
"WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?"
ROXXON STATION, DO YOU COPY? X-MEN? LANGKOWSKI?
SIGH
LEBEAU?

THE STATION'S STARTED TO DESTRUCT.
YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THERE...
YEAH... I GOT THAT.
YEAH. ABOUT THAT...
MIGHT'VE HIT A LITTLE SNAG.
DEBRIS'S GOT OUR SHIP *PINNED.*
NOT TO BE GREEDY, BUT ANY CHANCE OF SENDING ANOTHER?
NOT IN THE TIME YOU NEED. YOU'VE GOT THREE HEAVY LIFTERS THERE, BY MY COUNT. GET ONE TO MOVE THE DAMN THING!
YEAH...
...THAT'D BE SNAG NUMBER TWO.
KATYA...
...I CAN DO IT.

YOU CAN'T EVEN STAND.
NIGHTCRAWLER, GAMBIT...WAKE UP ROGUE AND SASQUATCH.

ON IT.
THERE'S NO TIME...
CRITICAL STAGE IN THREE MINUTES.

THERE'S THREE MINUTES.
NOT FUNNY...


GUYS. THE WEAPON. GIMME A SITREP.

HANG ON...
DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE DON'T DIE.
TIME TO EARTHFALL: 00:00:11

FAWOOOOOOSH
00:00:09
"THREE LEFT."
THEY JUST ENTERED THE ATMOSPHERE. HEADED TOWARD SOUTH AMERICA.
WE'RE TOO FAR AWAY...
00:00:03
I...
...AM NOT.
00:00:01
KRAKKKKYYYYOOOOM
00:00:00

I CAN'T ROUSE SASQUATCH...

SAME WITH ROGUE.
HATE TO SAY IT, BUT IF WE DON'T CLEAR THAT DEBRIS, WE'RE GOING NOWHERE.

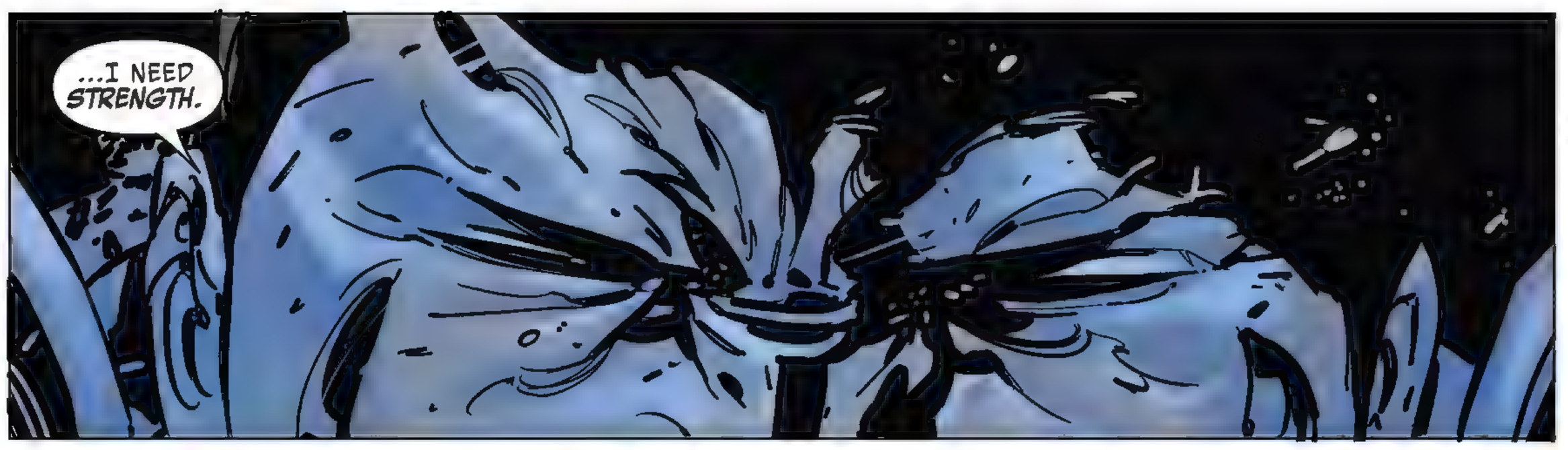
CRITICAL STAGE IN TWENTY SECONDS.
NYET. WE ARE OUT OF TIME AND OPTIONS.
PETER...
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ALPHA DID TO YOU--
I CAN DO THIS.

AAAAGGGGGHHHH!!!

AAAGGH!

AAAAAGG GGGGHH!!!

PETER!

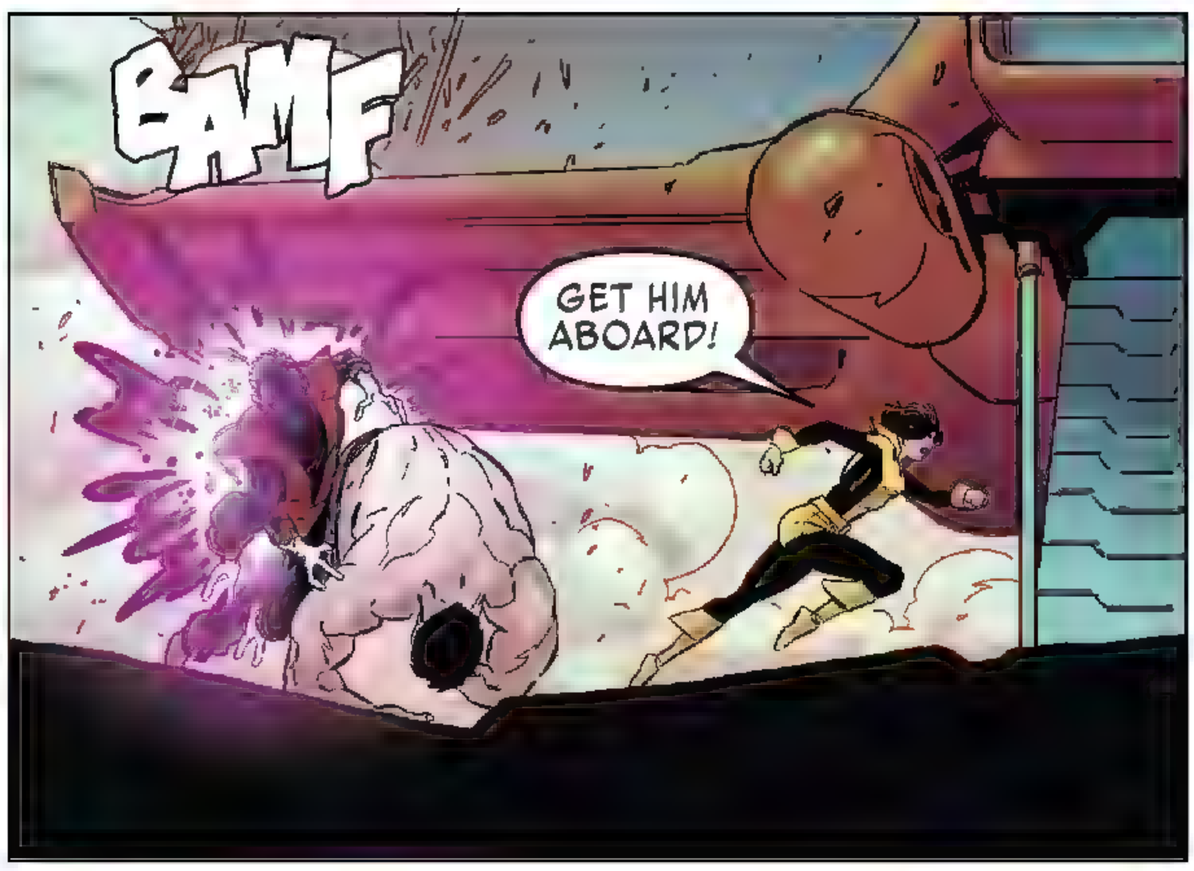


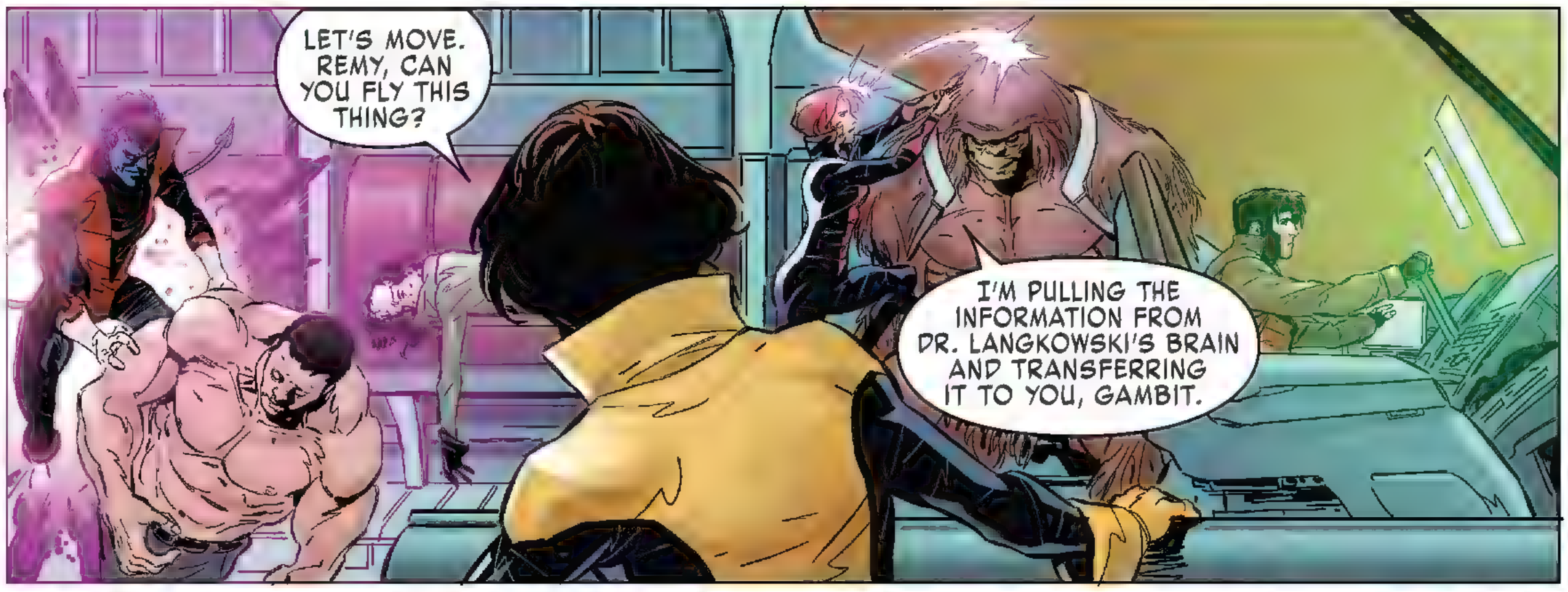
MAYBE I CAN PHASE THE DEBRIS, PUSH IT THROUGH THE SHIP...

NYET. THIS WILL

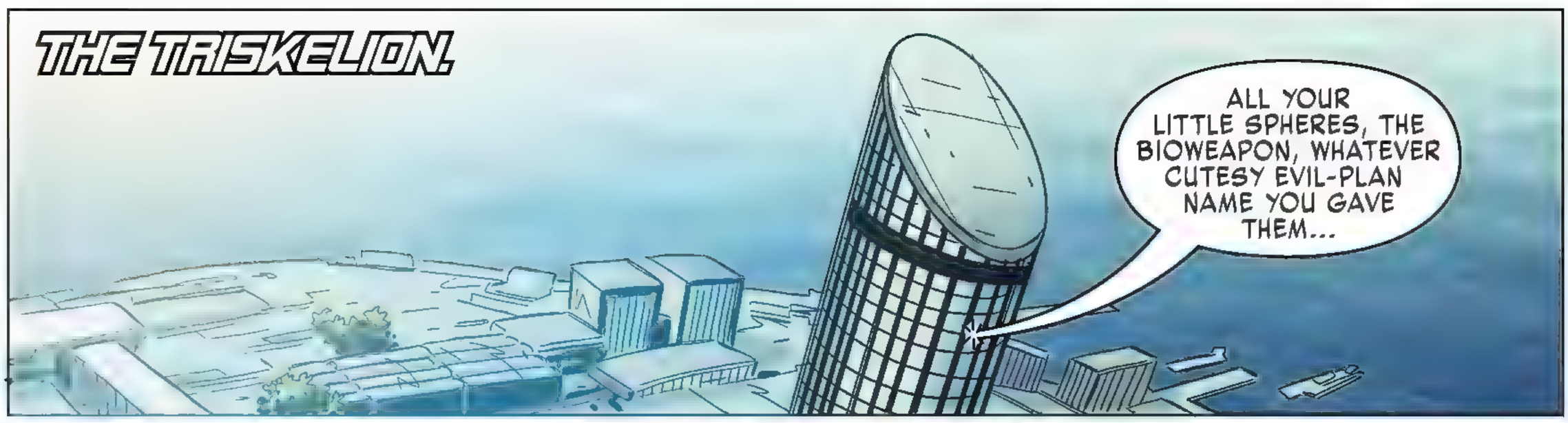
LIFT.

HNG--
PETER!
KURT, HELP!


BAMF
GET HIM ABOARD!


LET'S MOVE. REMY, CAN YOU FLY THIS THING?
I'M PULLING THE INFORMATION FROM DR. LANGKOWSKI'S BRAIN AND TRANSFERRING IT TO YOU, GAMBIT.

WHOA! THAT'S GONNA GIVE ME A HEADACHE.
HANG ON, FOLKS...
KRROOOM



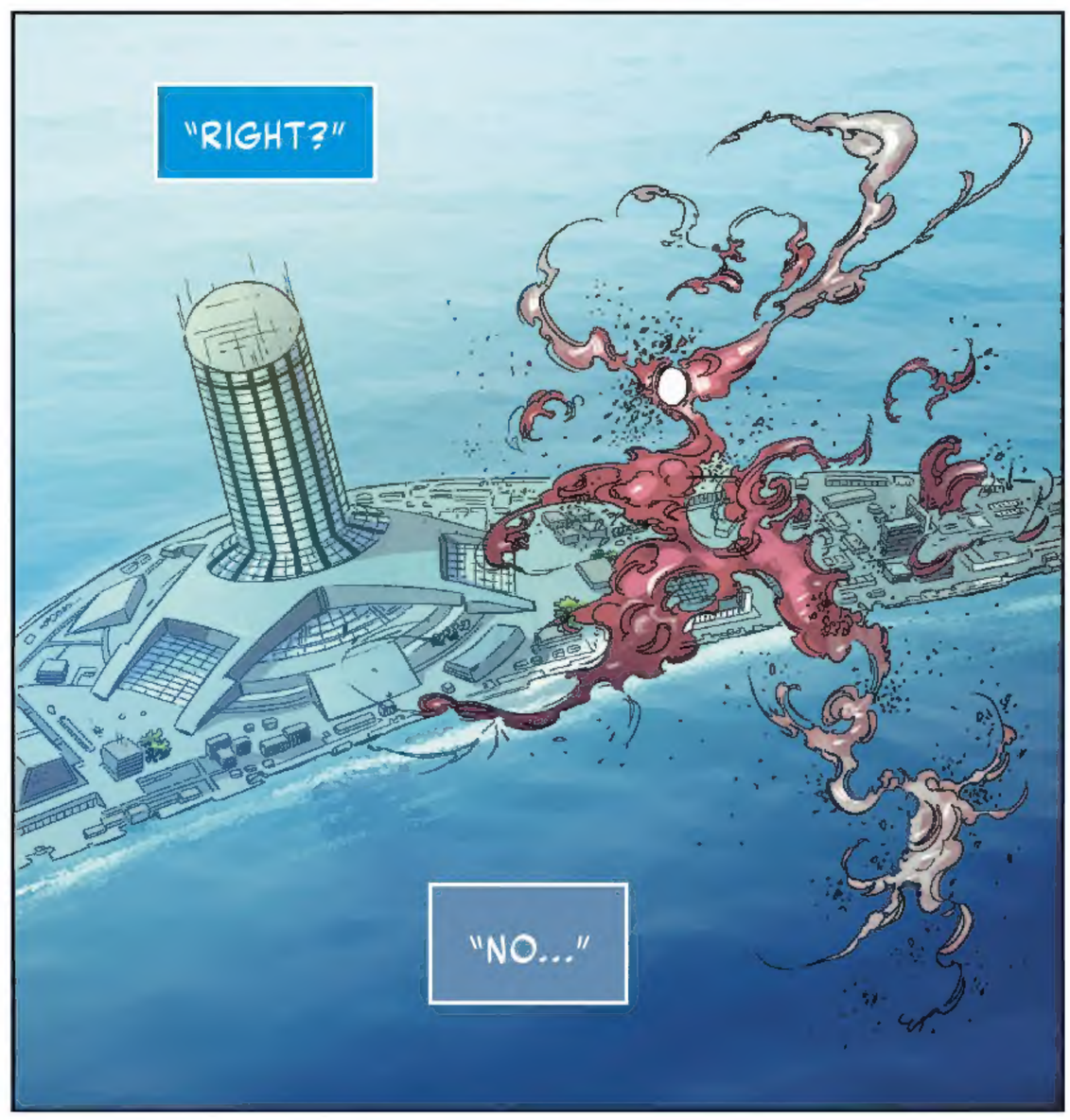
SEE?

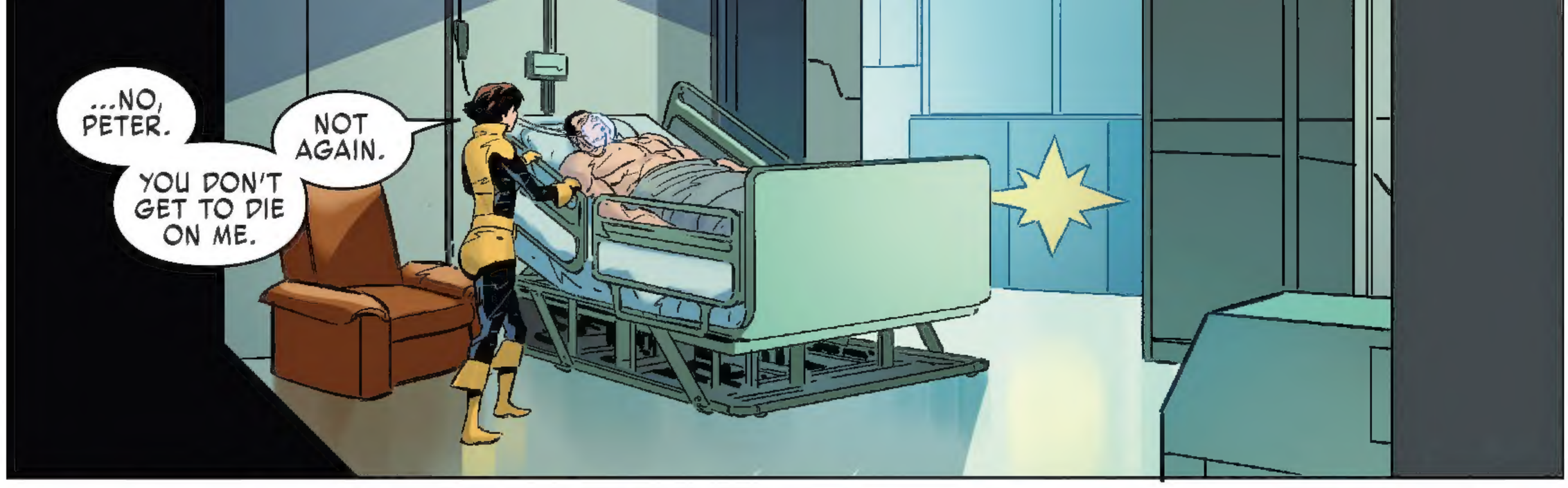
YEAH...

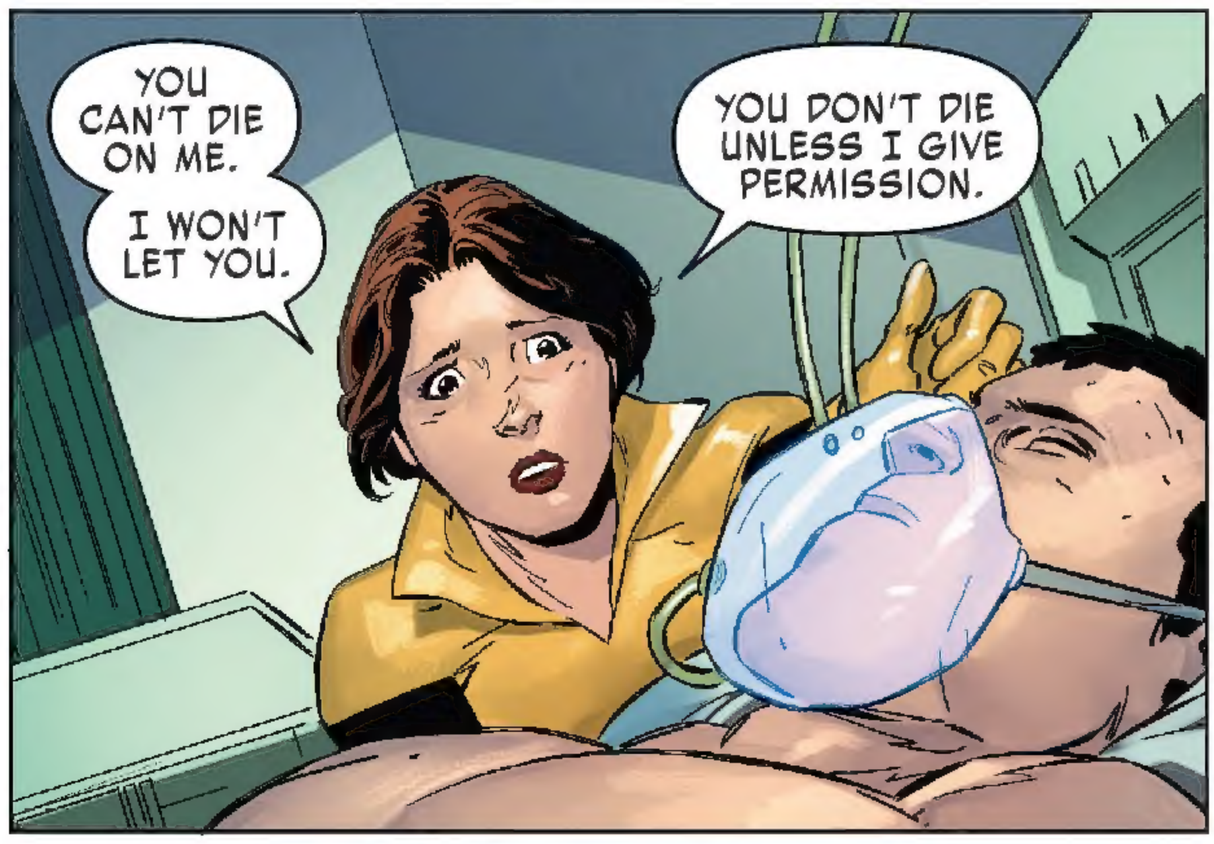
...THAT'S THE CONTINGENCY KITTY WAS BANKING ON.

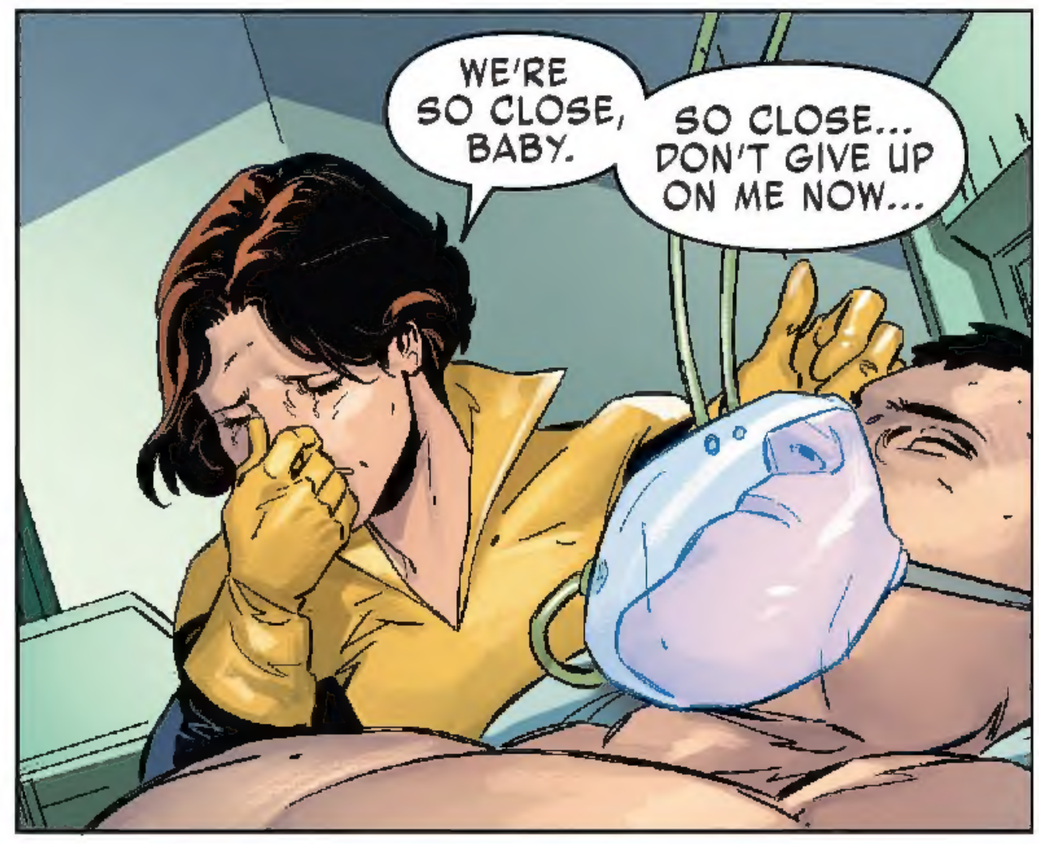
SHE FIGURED YOUR NANO-BUDDY'D COME FOR YOU.

THAT HE CAN'T BE BLOWN UP, KNOCKED OUT OR SHORT-CIRCUITED...









WELL, I'M DOUBLING DOWN.

WILL YOU MARRY ME?

DON'T ANSWER. YOU'RE MARRYING ME.

WE'RE DOING THIS.

NEXT: A WEDDING!

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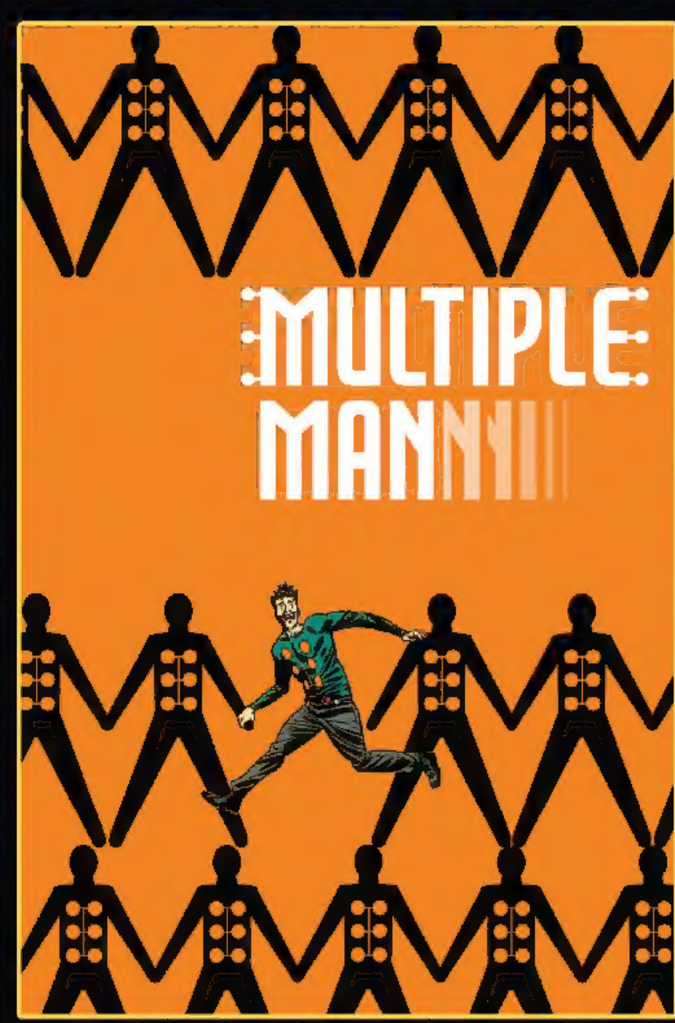
IN TWO WEEKS...

#30: ALTARED EGOS!

WEAPON X #19
ON SALE NOW

DOMINO #3
NEXT WEEK

MULTIPLE MAN #1
IN THREE WEEKS



ZONE